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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION UNDER PMGY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme for rural electrification in all the villages in the country by 2007 under Prime Minister`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY);

(b) if so, the estimated expenditure likely to be involved and the manner in which the Government propose to complete this project on the long term basis;

(c) whether it is a fact that part of the MPs Local Area Development funds is proposed to be utilized in this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (d): The Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year2001-02 has announced package of initiatives for completion of electrification of bulk of the remaining villages in the next six years. This includes;

? Extension of assistance to the States for village electrification works under the PMGY whose funding is being augmented.

? Stepping up credit support from Rural Electrification Corporation to SEBs for speedy electrification of dalit basits, households of scheduled tribes and other weaker sections of the society.

? Earmarking a sum of at least Rs. 750 crores out of RIDF for rural electrification works.

? Augmenting the resources of REC, by allowing it to float capital gains tax exemption bonds along with NABARD and NHAI under Section 54 EC of the Income Tax Act.

Minister of Power has written to all Members of Parliament requesting them to earmark a substantial portion of funds out of the amount available with them under the MP`s Local Area Development Schemes (MPLADS) for electrification of uncovered villages in their constituencies.